

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of: ) Docket No.: 34785  
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DROUILLARD, James S. ) Group Art No.: 1615  
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Serial No.: 10/599,618 ) Examiner: HAGOPIAN, Casey Shea  
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Filing Date: 10/30/2006 ) Confirmation No.: 1709  
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METHOD FOR ENCAPSULATION OF ) Customer No.: 23589  
ORALLY INGESTED MATERIALS TO )  
ALTER THE SITE OF DIGESTION, SITE )  
OF ACTION, OR STABILITY )

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Entrance of the following Preliminary Amendment prior to examination on the merits  
is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** being on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.